

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 17 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 3, 5 and 6 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, independent claims 1 and 17 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Claim 3 is canceled.

The incorporation of the allowable subject matter of claim 3 into claims 1 and 17 renders patentable claims 1 and 17, and claims 2 and 4-6 depending therefrom. Thus, withdrawal of the claim rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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